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CLAIMS

1. An absorbent article which is provided with a liquid permeable surface sheet, a liquid impermeable leakage-prevention sheet and a liquid-retaining absorbent is formed substantially oblong, and is provided on longitudinal opposite sides thereof with a pair of right and left, elastic member-carrying three-dimensional guards,

wherein said three-dimensional guards each has a skin-contacting surface portion formed by folding back a side on a free side towards the outer side of said absorbent article, and said elastic members are respectively disposed and fixed to said skin-contacting surface portion and to an approximately widthwise central portion of a raised portion between said skin-contacting surface portion and a base end of said three-dimensional guard.

- 2. An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein a total width of said elastic member disposed on said skin-contacting surface portion is larger than a total width of said elastic member disposed on said raised portion.
- 3. An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein a ratio (W1/W2) between a width W1 of said skin-contacting surface portion and a width W2 of said raised portion is 0.1 to 1.0.
- 4. An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein a stress of said skincontacting surface portion is larger than a stress of said raised portion.
- 5. An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein a leg portion has no leg gather, and when said raised portion is bisected in the width direction into a lower half portion and an upper half portion, a stress of said lower half portion is larger than a stress of said upper half portion.
 - 6. An absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said skin-contacting surface portion is folded back along said elastic member at a part of the location of said elastic

member nearest to said raised portion.